M E M O R A N D U M

January 19, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: SGT. F. SEDGEBEER AND DET. C. JONAU

RE: SPECIAL INVESTIGATION - SHIRLEY BASILE, W/F, Age 25
2833 St. Charles Avenue

In reference to your instructions on first memorandum dated January 6, 1967, Miss Basile was asked by investigators how she knew that Banister did some work for Lincoln Rockwell. She stated that she remembered there was a file on Lincoln Rockwell and she was under the impression that Banister was doing some type of work for him. The nature of the work was unknown to her. She said that Mr. Banister was a staunch conservative. As far as feelings for J. F. K., she didn't really know.

She has never seen Rockwell or anyone connected with the American Nazi Party while she was employed with Banister. Someone could have come in who belonged to that organization, but she wouldn't have known it.

Miss Basile stated that she remembers Sergio or Arcacha Smith from coming into Banister's office. She said that Mr. Banister was doing some work for him but doesn't know what type of work he was doing. She had no access to his files. This was in 1961. She stated she might be able to identify Smith from a photo, she is not really sure.

In reference to Hugh Ward she states that Mr. Banister hired Hugh Ward, a real young fellow who worked mostly on domestic cases such as divorces and separations, while she was employed there. He worked there six to eight months. She states that Hugh Ward lived in Covington and commuted back and forth.

In reference to Cosmos Shipping Company, investigators stopped there and spoke to Mr. Artego who is a white male possibly 21 years of age who stated that Cosmos Shipping Company operates out of New Orleans, New York, and Chicago. They are an import-export company. Mr. Artego further stated that Manuel Gonzales might have worked in the New York or Chicago office but he has never worked in the New Orleans branch.

SGT. F. SEDGEBEER

DET. C. JONAU